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# BEYOND THE GROVE

News from Lane County and Cottage Grove's neighbors

## Former County employee sentenced for aggravated theft from LCSO

Former Lane County employee Patricia Trocki was sentenced this morning following her arrest in September for aggravated theft of public funds from the Lane County Sheriff's Office. Trocki's employment from the Sheriff's Office was terminated on Oct. 14. The Sheriff's Office said that

full restitution, in the amount of \$61,052, was paid by Trocki at sentencing, returning all public funds taken.

On Sept. 13, the Sheriff's Office had arrested Trocki, a 17-year employee of the Sheriff's Office employed as a Senior Accounting Clerk. Trocki was lodged at the Lane County Jail

on Aggravated Theft in connection with theft of cash related to her accounting duties. Trocki was released by Lane County Circuit Court staff on a pre-trial release agreement.

The theft was discovered late on the afternoon of Sept. 12. Investigation of the missing funds led to Trocki's arrest less than

20 hours after the discovery. It appears a bulk of the theft occurred from June 2016 to the present. The Sheriff's Office hired an independent auditor to review the Sheriff's Office financials to ensure all discrepancies have been identified.

## State delays Dungeness crab season coastwide

The traditional Dec. 1 opening of the commercial Dungeness crab season along the entire Oregon coast will be delayed due to concerns about domoic acid levels in some areas, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife recently announced.

During recent testing, domoic acid in crab viscera from the Garibaldi area was above the alert level that normally triggers action.

Based on these results and consultations with several other agencies, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is exercising an abun-

dance of caution and delaying the ocean commercial Dungeness crab season along the entire Oregon coast.

"Oregon's commercial crab industry and the department place a high priority on making sure that seafood consumers can be confident that they are buying a safe, high-quality and sustainable product when they purchase Oregon Dungeness crab," said Caren Braby, ODFW Marine Resource Program Manager.

Fish and Wildlife said it will continue to work closely with ODA and the Oregon commercial Dungeness crab industry

to test crab along the coast to ensure an opening of the commercial crab season on safe and high quality crab. In close coordination with ODA and the Oregon commercial Dungeness crab industry, ODFW plans to evaluate options for opening the commercial season once additional domoic acid test results are available.

Despite the delay, crab and shellfish products sold in retail markets and restaurants remain safe for consumers.

All recreational and commercial harvest of Dungeness and red rock crab in Oregon's bays is currently closed south of

Tillamook Head (just south of Seaside) due to elevated levels of domoic acid. The opening of recreational crab harvest in the ocean and bays will be decided pending additional domoic acid testing.

Domoic acid or amnesic shellfish toxin can cause minor to severe illness and even death. Severe poisoning can result in dizziness, headaches, vomiting and diarrhea. More severe cases can result in memory loss and death. Shellfish toxins are produced by algae and originate in the ocean. Toxins cannot be removed by cooking, freezing or any other treatment.

## LORANE COUNTRY NEWS

BY LIL THOMPSON  
For the Sentinel

Crow-Applegate Church of the Nazarene will have its next Food for Lane County food pantry this Thursday, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Lorane Grange meets this

Thursday, Dec. 1 at the regular time of 7:30 p.m. Plans for the Christmas dinner and other projects for the new year will be discussed. The Grange's annual Christmas dinner and open house is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 11, with dinner scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. Guests are asked to bring non-perishable foods for the food box in the Grange.

Food boxes are up in all organizations for the Lorane community Christmas baskets.

Marissa Cooper has put up the Angel Trees in the Lorane

Family Store and in Crow High School. Many children in both Lorane and Crow communities have needs that can be helped by picking a child from the tree and making their Christmas a little brighter.

Parents, need a little break? On Friday, Dec. 9, the Lorane Eta Theta Rho No. 94 girls will offer free childcare from 4:30-10 p.m. at the Lorane Rebekah Lodge hall. Games, crafts, and food will be provided for a fun evening for all ages. So, those interested can contact Tara Wiggle at 541-935-5245 or Mary


Houle at 541-942-9341 for more information.

The Crow annual alumni basketball tournament will take place on Dec. 9 and 10. This year, there will be a women's team plus a dessert social and silent auction. Linda Lay can be contacted for more information at 541-844-5830.

The Rural Arts Center movie night at Lorane Grange is scheduled Saturday, Dec. 10 with the ever-popular Christmas movie, "It's a Wonderful Life."

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